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1. The Polish garrison at Kostrzyn (Knestrin) is composed of one tank regiment¹ and one heavy artillery regiment, the latter commanded by a Polish officer who had previously served in the Czar's army. The artillery regiment uses guns of approximately 150 mm. caliber. Tanks used by the tank regiment are referred to in Polish as "tetki".²
2. The Soviet garrison at Kostrzyn is steadily increasing in size. The Soviets have taken over the western sector of the city of Kostrzyn - where the River Warta joins the Oder - and this sector has been closed off from the city proper. Along the river banks in this area the Soviets are constructing a port, several large barracks, and other buildings. A refrigeration plant and large magazines are also being built for the Soviet Army on the banks of the Oder. There are numerous electrical installations on the banks of the Oder and the Warta rivers.
3. The following military units have occupied this closed area during the past year:
 - a. One tank unit equipped with tanks of Soviet-manufacture; these tanks are larger than the "tetki" referred to above.
 - b. One engineer unit numbering about 1,500 men.
 - c. One MWD unit numbering approximately 1,000 men.
 - d. One motorized artillery unit.
 - e. One antiaircraft artillery unit.
4. Neither the officers nor the soldiers of the Soviet garrison have contact with the Polish population, and the Soviets are more isolated than were the Germans during the last war. It is obvious that mutual hatred exists between the Poles and the Soviets in Kostrzyn.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: This confirms information received [REDACTED] which states that a Polish tank unit occupied the Pionier Kaserne on Warnicker Strasse in November 1952. This report further added that this unit was equipped with T-34 tanks. [REDACTED] there were approximately 2,000 tanks located in Kostrzyn.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: The "tetki" are probably T-34 tanks.

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